

Shawnee Weed and Seed

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What is Weed & Seed?

Weed and Seed is a community-based strategy sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, using a multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and community revitalization.

The Weed and Seed strategy is to "weed out" violent criminals and drug abusers and to plant the "seed" of community-based human services such as substance abuse prevention, intervention and treatment and neighborhood restoration programs. A community policing component bridges the weeding and seeding elements.

This strategy is run by a steering committee. The steering committee is a group of residents,

local officials, community representatives, and key Louisville Metro Government Agencies. The chair is currently being held by Sylvia Wright.

There are four subcommittees: the Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Subcommittee, the Law Enforcement Subcommittee, the Neighborhood Restoration Subcommittee and the Community Policing Subcommittee.



The Shawnee Neighborhood has received this federal grant to improve our community. We need your participation to make this effort a success!

Shawnee Weed & Seed (W & S) encourages residents to participate. Steering Committee meetings are open to the public: 4th Tuesday of each month 5:30-7:30 at the Portland Memorial Baptist Church/3801 W. Market St.

Next Meeting: Oct. 27th

Shawnee Fall Festival Celebration of Community

The Shawnee Neighborhood Association is hosting a Fall Festival Celebration of Community today, **October 17th, 12-5 pm.** at the French Plaza at Amy & Market St. There will be inflatables, bingo,

and a corn-hole tournament for youth & adults, medical screenings, dancers, a chain saw sculptor, music, food & more!

A parade will be sponsored by Shawnee

Weed & Seed. Come represent your block, club or organization and show your community pride by parading through the neighborhood. We hope to see you out.

'Growing in the Right Direction'

Our commitment is to EACH YOUTH'S SUCCESS! "Our mission is to provide relevant, practical programming and services that inspire youth to empowerment, personal responsibility and betterment for themselves, their families and their communities."

Shawnee Weed and Seed Youth Outreach Program

Yes We Can! Hey kids, are you bored? Community residents, do you wonder what is wrong with the young people of today? Parents, do you want your children to be involved in a worthwhile and promising activity? If the answer is yes, then we have a program for you: the Shawnee Weed & Seed Youth Outreach Program.

This program is available

for middle and high school students.

Program highlights:
Cultural & Social Development Workshops, College Preparation, Career Exploration & Preparedness, Conflict Resolution & Violence Prevention, Understanding Morals and Values, Youth Empowerment Workshops, Strengthening Police/Community

Relationships, Educational Field Trips & Community Service. We can make a positive impact in OUR community.

Meetings are held every Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 PM. at the Shawnee Boys & Girls Club, 317 N. 38th St. 774-5437.

For more information, contact D'Shawn Johnson at 836-5204 or Major Yvette Gentry at 574-7660.

Shawnee Weed & Seed Community Policing Subcommittee

Boy, Boy, Boy! has the Community Policing Subcommittee been busy since MeShorn Daniels & his team took it over. They conducted a survey of Block Watch leaders, conducted training with residents and block watch organizations. They did a day of service on September 11th by working in the community garden across from French Plaza, worked in conjunction with the 40th

Street Block Watch to host a block party and passed out plenty of flyers to let you know that they are on the scene. If you don't know about Weed & Seed, it's not for lack of us trying.

The Community Policing Subcommittee is here for you. Our primary focus is on initiating new block watches and working with existing ones. The Community Policing

Subcommittee wants to improve the relationship between police and the community. We need your participation. Don't wait until something happens before you get involved.

They will be attending block watch meetings throughout the Shawnee area. Meetings are held every 2nd Tuesday, 6:00 at Shawnee Golf Course at 460 Northwestern Pkwy.

Second Division's Major Yvette Gentry's Promotion

The Shawnee Weed & Seed area falls within the boundaries of the Louisville Metro Police Department's Second Division. The Second Division has been headed by Major Yvette Gentry for the last 3 years. Under her leadership, the officer's crime reduction efforts were successful, reducing

overall violent and property crime by 9.8%.

For the last year, Major Gentry has also chaired the Law Enforcement Subcommittee of the W & S, whose purpose is to reduce crime by weeding out the criminal elements in the area. She also works with the W & S Youth program. Although

she has already begun her duties as Lt. Colonel, She will be officially promoted in the near future. W & S wishes her much success!

In the interim, Lt. LaVita Chavous will chair the law enforcement aspect of W & S. Major Troy Pitcock will be the new division commander. Welcome!

To Catch A Predator

Don't be preyed upon. I'm not asking you to catch a criminal. I'm asking you to NOT be a victim. Burglaries and car thefts and thefts from cars are some of LMPD's biggest property crimes.

With the cold season upon us, many people leave their cars running and unattended to warm up or to run into a store. Don't! It is against the law and thieves are looking for opportunities. There are

ways you can help us to help you. *Lock your car doors & close the windows. *Don't leave valuables where they can be seen. Put them in the trunk. *Park in well lit areas. *Get a CLUB to lock your steering wheel. *When you park, place your car in park, pull on the emergency brake and turn your wheels sharp. It will be difficult for your car to be towed away by a professional thief. *Call 911 as soon as a theft

occurs and have pertinent info available, such as license plate and VIN number,

Many times burglaries are committed by someone who's been in your home before such as hired workers, new friends and family. Keep your outdoor lights on. Always lock your doors and windows. Put serial numbers on items so they can be tracked. Flat screen TV's, DVD's are often stolen.

"I'm asking you to NOT be a victim!"

Are You a Nuisance to Your Neighborhood?

Do you grill on your front porch? Is your grass too tall? Do you park the wrong way on the street? Is your house not being maintained? All of these offenses are violations. Ordinances 101. The Westover Neighborhood Block Watch Association with the leadership of Vanessa Lackey has become an expert at ordinances. If we keep our properties in

shambles, then that allows for crime to come in and set up shop... "the Broken Windows Theory". We must keep our neighborhoods looking good. And neighbors, we are tasked with helping other neighbors who are not abiding by rules to get into shape. If you are not sure, you can call Louisville Metro government Codes and Regulations at 574-2508

or look on the internet- <http://www.louisvilleky.gov/ipl/PropertyMaintenance/default.htm>.

You can also go to <http://www.louisvilleky.gov/DepartmentList.htm> for a list of Metro agencies such as Go Green Louisville, Animal Services, etc. that might be able to help you with whatever issue you are facing. Get in shape. There's more to come.



Weed & Seed Site Coordinator Resigns

Melvin Bethel who has been the site coordinator for the last year will be resigning at the end of the month. Wait. Before you think something is wrong...He is resigning to spend more time with his family. Melvin said he enjoyed his work with the

Shawnee Weed and Seed tremendously, but after long and careful consideration, he just knew his time had come to an end.

Don't worry. Members of the Steering Committee interviewed applicants for

the new opening and selected Louise Pennix. She is knowledgeable and energetic. Welcome Louise!

It will be hard to replace Melvin though. We will miss you Melvin. Don't have too much fun. ☺

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Newsletter by Lt. LaVita Chavous
of the
Louisville Metro Police Department
Second Division.

Steering Committee Chair: Sylvia Wright
Next Meeting-October 27th at Portland Baptist Church at 38th and Market St.

Law Enforcement Subcommittee Chair: Lt. LaVita Chavous
Meetings not open to the general public

Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Subcommittee Chair: Stephanie Benson
Next Meeting-November 3rd at 12 noon at the Yearlings Club 4309 W. Broadway

Neighborhood Restoration Subcommittee Chair: Bill Gatewood
Next Meeting-November 13th at 11am. At the Yearlings Club at 4309 W. Broadway.

Community Policing Subcommittee Chair: MeShorn Daniels
Next Meeting-October 20th 6:00 pm.at Chickasaw Lodge

If you would like to have info included in this newsletter that pertains to the Shawnee Weed and Seed's mission/area, please e-mail Lt. LaVita Chavous at lavita.chavous@louisvilleky.gov or contact her at 574-2478.

Shawnee Weed and Seed reserves the final decision-making rights for the inclusion of all article submissions.

**We're not on the Web yet
But it's Coming Soon**

How to Start a Block Watch & Other Helpful Info

1. Contact your neighbors to see how many are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch. 2. Schedule a place, date and time to meet, also notify your Division Resource Officer with at least 3 weeks notice. 3. Make a list of issues, questions, and concerns particular to your neighborhood to be discussed at your meeting. 4. Prepare to be involved in one of the best things you can do for your neighborhood. You will be glad that you became involved!

Other important info that may help your block

watches: Guidelines for calling the police: 911 for emergencies-for example violent crime in progress. Dial 574-711 or 574-2111 for non emergencies-to report a crime that has already occurred for example. To report on-going criminal activity, call 574-5673 or 574-LMPD. This is the LMPD tip line, staffed 24 hours a day.

Dial 311 Metro Call for abandoned buildings, junked vehicles, trash collection, street/road repair, solid waste management, Inspections, Permits, and

Licensing. You will be given a service request number. Write that down to keep track of the issue and what ahs been done. Dial 2-1-1 to get connected to agencies that may be of assistance to you and your family such as healthcare, legal aid, substance abuse treatment programs.